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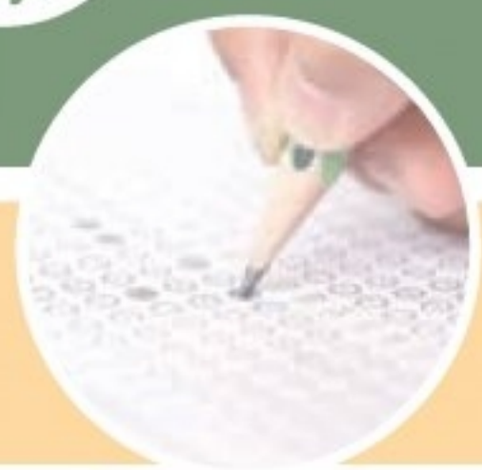

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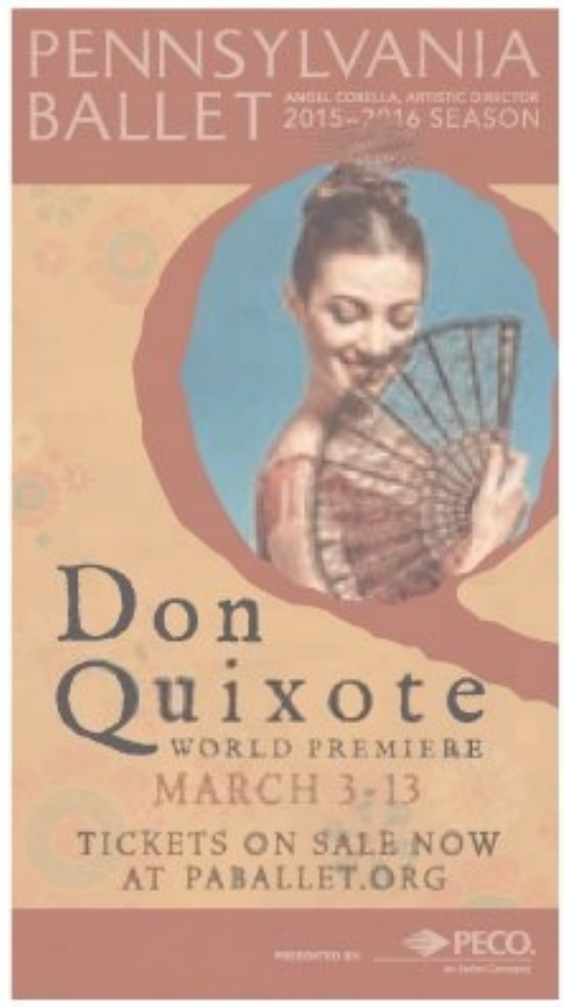

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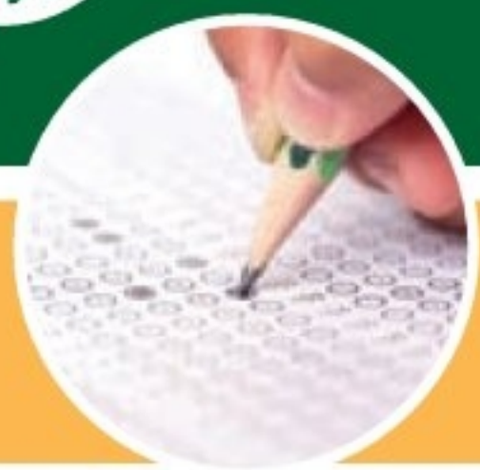

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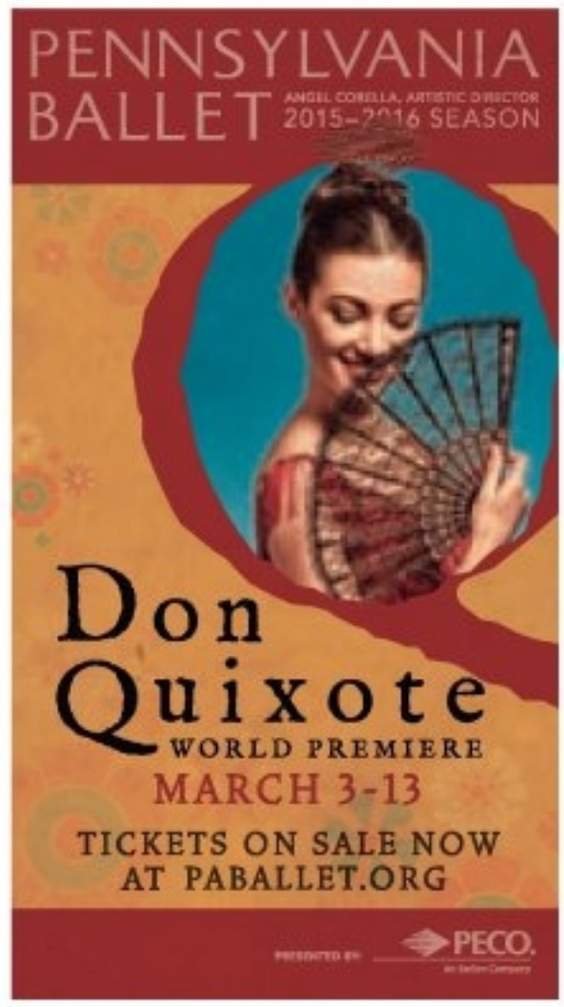

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KILLED FIRST DAY ON JOB

1 A Virginia police officer was fatally shot during her first day on the job and two of her fellow officers were wounded when they responded to a domestic disturbance in a Washington, D.C., suburb, authorities said on Sunday. Ashley Guindon, a rookie officer on the Prince William County Police, was struck by gunfire and later died of injuries sustained during the incident on Saturday evening, a day after she joined the force, the department said. REUTERS

4 STABBED AT KKK RALLY

2 Four people were stabbed, one of them critically wounded, on Saturday in a scuffle between members of the Ku Klux Klan and counterprotesters near a planned KKK rally in Anaheim, California, police said. Thirteen people were arrested following the melee, including one Klan member who was accused of stabbing a counterprotester with a flagpole, said Anaheim Police Sergeant Daron Wyatt. Several counterprotesters were taken into custody after stomping a KKK member on the ground, Wyatt said. REUTERS

NEW DATA PACT WITH EU

3 The U.S. has set out limits to its use of data collected in bulk about European citizens after a new information-sharing pact was agreed this month, according to documents seen by Reuters. A clear explanation of what information could be used for — preventing its "indiscriminate" and "arbitrary" use — was a key condition of the new Privacy Shield framework that enables firms to easily transfer personal data to the United States. REUTERS

HOLDING COURT

7 A group of neighborhood kids enjoy the unseasonably warm afternoon playing basketball at a court at 26th and Master in Brewerytown on Sunday.

7 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

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KUTZTOWN STABBING

4 Robert Centifanti, 18, of Philly, was charged with attempted murder for the Feb. 20 stabbing of a Kutztown University student, the Daily News reported. Centifanti, who is not a Kutztown student, is in Berks County jail for stabbing a 23-year-old man who remains in serious condition. Centifanti was reportedly with two friends urinating in an alley when the victim cautioned them they might get a citation from police. Centifanti allegedly responded by stabbing the victim in the neck and chest and punching him. SAM NEWHOUSE

UTAH POLICE SHOOTING

5 Police in Salt Lake City, Utah, faced rock-throwing protesters after officers shot a young man who was involved in a fight with another man late on Saturday, the city's police department and local media said. There were conflicting reports about the age of the man who was shot. He was taken to a local hospital and no other details were immediately available Sunday on his name or condition. The shooting comes as police departments nationwide are under increased scrutiny over allegations of excessive force. REUTERS

PHILLY HOME COLLAPSES

6 The city is investigating after a three-story South Philly building collapsed with a man inside. The man, 39, was hospitalized in stable condition, WHYY reported. He was on the third floor of a Grays Ferry home located on the 1400 block of Patton Street when it collapsed around 7:30 a.m. Saturday. The victim was pulled out of the rubble and brought to Penn Presbyterian Medical Center. The house reportedly had no construction violations recently cited. The cause of the collapse is unknown. SAM NEWHOUSE

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Two stabbings at West Philly Caribbean joint

A Jamaican restaurant and bar was the scene of not one but two stabbings this weekend, and police believe the same suspect is behind both stabbings.

The first stabbing victim was a 34-year-old male employee of Studio 7 Bar and Restaurant.

Police met him at 1:45 a.m. Sunday at UPenn Hospital.

"While working as an employee of Studio 7 Bar, he was stabbed in the chest by a unknown black male during a dispute over a food order," the victim claimed, according to a police report.

That victim was listed in stable condition.

Police discovered the second victim, a 36-year-old male who was working as a bouncer at Studio 7, at 4:27 a.m. after meeting him at Mercy Hospital.

The bouncer told police "he was stabbed by an unknown black male while breaking up a fight," according to a police report.

The bouncer sustained a stab wound to the left tricep, and after being released from the hospital declined any further involvement with police or transportation.

The suspect was described as a heavyset black male with brown eyes, a medium complexion and estimated to be in his late 30s. **SAM NEWHOUSE**

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Jim Kenney **CHARLES MOSTOLLER**

Philly soda tax proposal back on the table

Mayor Jim Kenney is reportedly planning to recommend the city get a tax on sugary drinks during his upcoming budget address.

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Philly could be the next big city to charge an extra tax on residents who enjoy soda and other sugary beverages.

Mayor Jim Kenney is expected to pitch the new tax to the public when he gives his budget address this week, according to Philly Mag, citing unidentified sources.

Philly has attempted to tax soda drinks in the past. Former mayor Michael Nutter lobbied for the tax unsuccessfully in 2010 and 2011. In fact, then-Councilman Kenney was one of the people who opposed it.

"I was not for the soda tax the first time, I will not be for it the second time," Kenney told WHYY in March 2012.

Nutter's 2-cent-per-ounce soda tax proposal — later reduced to 0.75 cents per ounce — was almost as unpopular as his request that city council members give up their city-paid cars.

Nutter blamed the American Beverage Association's lobbyists for killing the soda tax in Philly, the Daily News reported. Teamsters Local 830, whose members include bottlers and drivers for soda companies, also opposed the tax.

Philadelphia did pass a $2-per-pack cigarette tax to help fund the School District, which took effect in June 2014.

But as a new mayor, Kenney has big plans — including his proposal for universal pre-K — that will require finding new sources of funding in new sources.

Some believe that Councilman Bobby Henon's elevation to majority leader of city council could help Kenney get the plan off the ground.

Given Kenney's close ties with council, a vast improvement over how Nutter got along with the legislative body, he might have an easier time negotiating the votes needed to make the new tax a reality.

New York City's former mayor, Michael Bloomberg, failed to get a soda tax passed in 2010. In 2013, his ban on soda being served in servings larger than 16 ounces was blocked by a state judge.

Berkeley, California, has a one-cent-per-ounce soda tax that went into effect in 2015.

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P.J. Clarke's to open at Philly's Washington Square

New York City's famous dining destination, P.J. Clarke's, is coming to the Curtis Center this summer.

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Ed Rendell couldn't help himself — the self-proclaimed "No. 1 consumer of cheeseburgers in the city of Philadelphia" has brought New York's world-famous P.J. Clarke's restaurant to Philadelphia.

It's slated for a summer opening on Washington Square Park inside the Curtis Center.

Rendell, Mayor Jim Kenney, P.J. Clarke's CEO Philip Scotti and about 100 socialites and members of the media joined together Friday morning inside the soon-to-be new location to announce the plans for opening.

P.J. Clarke's famous hamburgers were handed out during an event announcing the restaurant's Philadelphia debut. MICHELLE GUSTAFSON

The proposed 11,000-square-foot restaurant will feature outdoor dining space on both 6th and Walnut streets, offer some of the same quirky features the 130-year-old saloon is known for in New York City, but with added Philadelphia archival décor.

"When I was mayor, I tried to get the prior owners to move to Philadelphia," Rendell said.

"In part because I wanted the economic development that would come from a great restaurant — I wanted to have that restaurant available to improve the quality of life, and in great part because I am probably the No. 1 consumer of cheeseburgers in the city of Philadelphia," he laughed.

Since it first opened its doors in 1884 at 55th and Third Avenue in New York City, P.J. Clarke's has been known as "the place" for "the Cadillac of burgers," with its red and white checkered tablecloths and sawdust on the hardwood floors.

From Elizabeth Taylor to Nat King Cole to Frank Sinatra, many famous faces have raised and clinked glasses at any of P.J. Clarke's eight locations.

"This is not P.J. Clarke's New York coming to Philadelphia. This is P.J. Clarke's Philadelphia. It will be Philadelphia-centric," said Scotti.

"P.J's in New York is often referred to as the Vatican of saloons. I promise that I will build the Cathedral of saloons. … We're unpretentious. We're authentic. We're a little irreverent. We think food is easy. We buy the best and try to stay out of its way. Our job is to help people have a good time. We are the original social network, and I think we do a pretty good job of that. You guys will find out as soon as we open."

Scotti said he's been looking for a location for the past five years and that this opening is something of a homecoming for him. The Scotti family also owns Genuardi's supermarket chain, which is headquartered in East Norriton, Montgomery County.

Kenney said he, too, would be there as soon as it opened.

"P.J. Clarke's started as a place for the Irish to go after a long day of work — to go and enjoy themselves and lift a couple pints. I guarantee I will be in here more than once."

"I wanted to have that restaurant available to improve the quality of life, and in great part because I am probably the No. 1 consumer of cheeseburgers in the city of Philadelphia."

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West Philly man tied up in home invasion: Police
Two men forced their way into a West Philly home early Sunday and tied up the victim before robbing him, according to investigators.

The incident occurred around 2 a.m., police said. The suspects were described as two black males who allegedly forced their way into the victim's apartment through their front door.

The victim was tied up with a phone cord and had his eyes covered during the robbery, ABC reported.

The thieves allegedly took two cell phones, a wallet and car keys, police said, before fleeing in an unknown direction.

The victim was able to call 911 and was treated at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center for injury to his right eye, lacerations to the right side of his rib cage, and was listed in stable condition.

No arrests were reported as of Sunday.

Philly cop hospitalized after West Philly crash
A West Philly police officer was recovering from injuries sustained during a weekend crash.

The officer, an unidentified 45-year-old sergeant with the 19th district, reportedly crashed his cruiser into a telephone pole around 3 a.m. Saturday while responding to another officer's call, CBS reported.

The crash occurred near Parkside Avenue and Bryn Mawr Avenue in Wynnefield.

The officer reportedly swerved to avoid hitting an animal in the street before crashing.

He was treated at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center.

He has been released after being treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

SAM NEWHOUSE

Cyclists enjoy a mild day in Philadelphia. GETTY IMAGES

BOLARIS' WEATHER WATCH: MILD EARLY THIS WEEK, BUT THEN...

Bolaris' Weather Watch

The months of December, January and February are considered the winter season as far as climatologists go, which means the meteorological winter ends today.

For everyone else, winter ends on the vernal equinox of March 20 — popularly known as the official arrival of spring. That doesn't mean we can't get hit with a rare snowstorm in April, or have a wet snow falling on opening day of baseball season.

It's been a strange winter, Philadelphia and New York city will go down as one of the warmest winters on record at the same time Central Park was snow-slugged with the second-biggest snowstorm on record on Jan. 23-24 with a whopping 26.8 inches of blizzard snow. At the same time Philly packed a season's total of 22.3 inches and Boston dodged the snow bull-eye with a little over 8 inches.

Let's not forget Valentine's Day weekend, when a record-setting cold air mass (the coldest since 1957 in Boston) invaded the Northeast as we scrambled for warmth in our loved one's arms, hopefully your partner, On a side note, I would anticipate a baby boom nine months from that bitter February weekend ... just saying. After a glorious Sunday, we can expect more in the way of mild temperatures for today, although you could be dodging a few raindrops during the morning hours with a return to sunshine this afternoon and readings well up into the 50s.

The first day of March will purr as the thermometer heads toward the 60-degree mark.

A few showers on Wednesday could rearrange your hairdo, but we'll still on the mild side. A Thursday cool down as we drop back into the seasonably chilly 40s.

Friday I'll be watching for a possible coastal storm development, near the Carolina coast, and what impact it will or not have for us. For now, I see a low chance of significant snow event for the Philadelphia region. Follow me at @weathersavior for any changes in the forecast.

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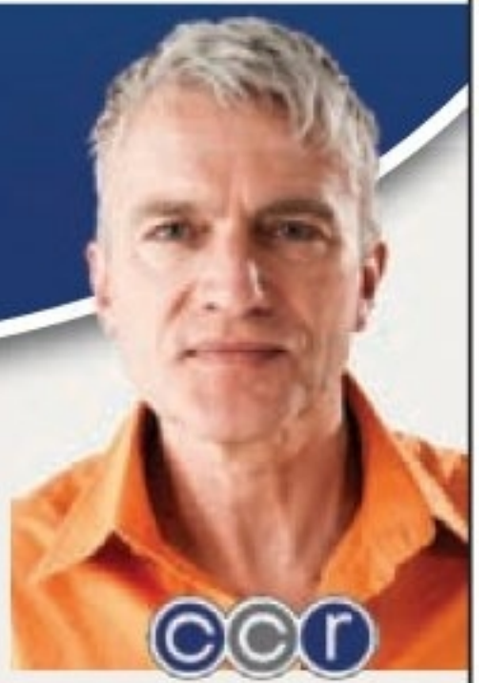

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Philly students smash scales to free themselves from weight issues

Drexel University students came out and used sledgehammers to raise awareness of positive body images and the dangers of eating disorders.

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McCall Dempsey suffered in silence with an eating disorder for 15 years before she got treatment, and now she's smashing scales across the country to tell women and men it's OK to forget the number on the scale.

Drexel University held its first-ever "Southern Smash" event Friday – where men and women slung sledgehammers on top of scales in an effort to crush the stigma that people need a perfect body image and to educate the public about the dangers of eating disorders.

Saturday marked the end of National Eating Disorder Awareness Week, and Southern Smash, a nonprofit organization founded by Dempsey, aims at empowering men and women to embrace true beauty and self-love and start the conversation about how people see their bodies.

A student takes a sledgehammer to a scale wrapped in plastic Friday morning at Drexel University. PROVIDED BY DREXEL UNIVERSITY

The smash is "southern" because Dempsey is originally from Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

"I went into treatment in 2010 and when I left, I knew I wanted to pay it forward," she said.

"The [smash] is a really great way to start a conversation about a serious illness that, frankly, not enough people are talking about. We're losing 23 lives a day to eating disorders."

She went through college and part of her marriage before she recovered from a mix of eating disorders. She says she often "ping-ponged" between ailments.

"We often think eating disorders are black-and-white, but there's a massive grey in the middle," said Dempsey.

"I didn't get treatment until I was 29 years old. Now, it's like you can't shut me up."

Drexel's event also included participants writing, "let it go," on balloons and letting them loose in the air as well as creating "Dare to LOVE Yourself" cards.

According to a recent survey conducted by the National Association of Anorexic Nervosa and Associated Disorders (ANAD), out of 185 females surveyed on a college campus, 58 percent felt pressure to be a certain weight, and of the 83 percent that dieted for weight loss, 44 percent were of normal weight.

Coco Ellis is a health, fitness and wellness assistant within Drexel University's Athletics Department. She said about 30 men and women came out to smash scales and prove their worth, despite the bitter wind chill.

"It was great to see these men and women let that out and let it go," she said.

"Eating disorders are huge issues on college campuses and I think they're far more prevalent than most people realize. A lot of people aren't comfortable talking about it. [The smash] is a neat way to get people aware of the issue."

By the numbers

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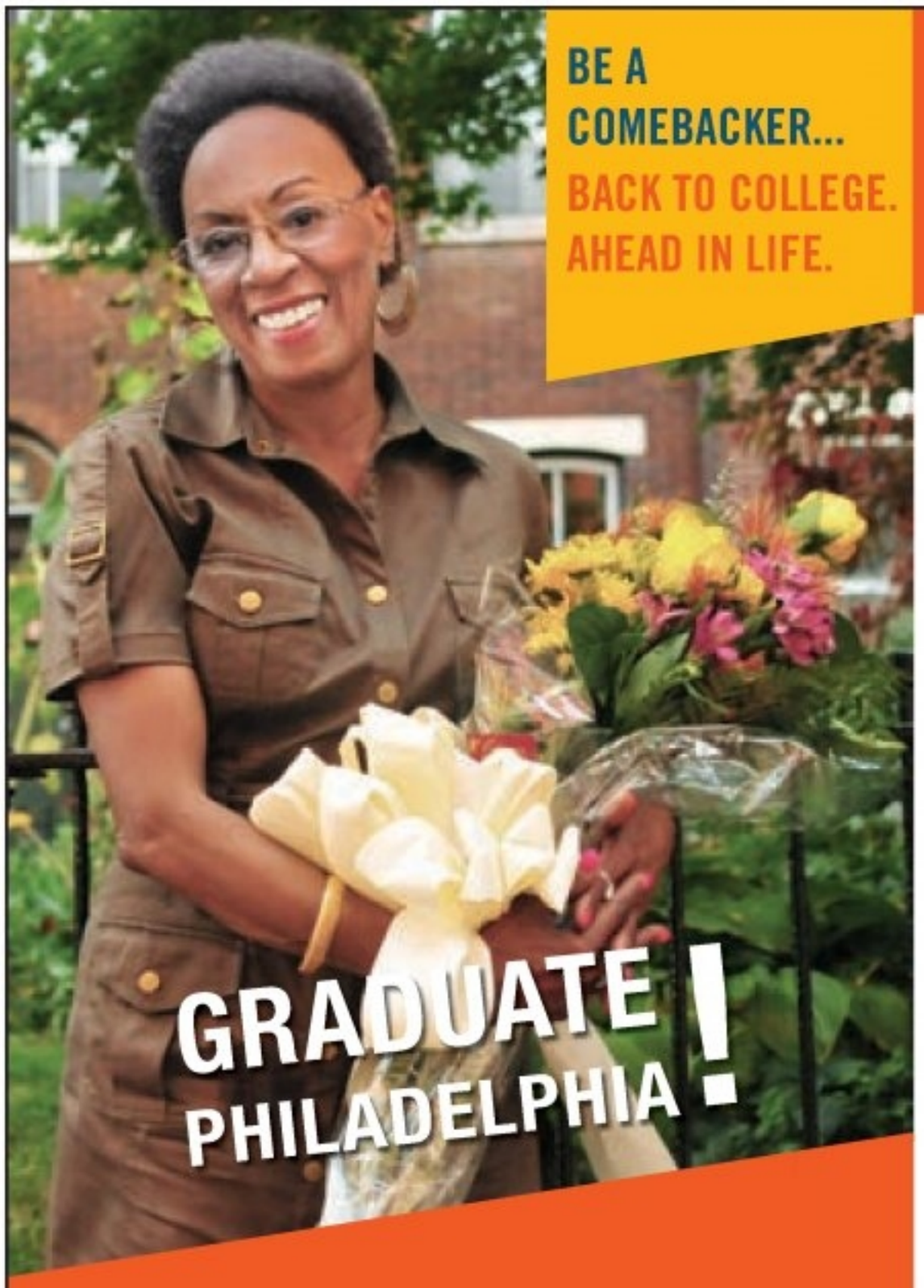

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Hillary Clinton has one eye on Trump after huge win in South Carolina primary

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Without mentioning Trump's name, the former secretary of state made it clear she was already thinking about taking on the real estate mogul whose recent string of victories made him the favorite to be the GOP nominee.

Fresh off a runaway win in the South Carolina primary, Democrat Hillary Clinton turned her sights to a possible match-up with Republican front-runner Donald Trump in the Nov. 8 presidential election.

Clinton shot down Trump's campaign slogan of "Make America Great Again" and his plans to build a wall on the U.S.-Mexican border.

"Despite what you hear, we don't need to make America great again. America has never stopped being great," she told supporters in her victory speech in South Carolina, pausing for applause then adding, "but we do need to make America whole again."

"Instead of building walls, we need to be tearing down barriers," said Clinton.

Clinton said she was not taking anything for granted after crushing Democratic rival Bernie Sanders on Saturday by 48 points and likely setting herself up for a good Super Tuesday night on March 1, a key date in the nomination battle.

But if Clinton and Trump win big on Tuesday as polls suggest, the chance of a general election match up between them increases, adding another twist to a presidential campaign that has defied convention as voters vent frustration over economic uncertainty, illegal immigration and national security threats.

A Trump-Clinton election would embody the outsider vs. establishment battle in American politics. Trump has never been elected to public office, while the former first lady has been a player in Washington for decades.

South Carolina Democratic voter Teri Faust, 59, said Clinton would be better able to take on Trump than Sanders, a senator from Vermont.

"Bernie wouldn't stand a chance against him. Hillary is strong," said Faust, who met Clinton when she came to her church two years ago and again on Clinton's first campaign trip to the state when she held a round-table for minority women business owners. REUTERS

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Twin suicide bombing kills 70 in Baghdad's deadliest attack this year

Police said the suicide bombers were riding motorcycles and blew themselves up in a crowded mobile phone market in Sadr City, wounding more than 100 people in addition to the dead.

A twin suicide bombing claimed by Islamic State killed 70 people in a Shiite district of Baghdad on Sunday in the deadliest attack inside the capital this year, as militants launched an assault on its western outskirts.

A Reuters witness saw pools of blood on the ground with slippers, shoes and mobile phones at the site of the blasts, which was sealed off to prevent further attacks.

In a statement circulated online, Islamic State said it was responsible for the blasts: "Our swords will not cease to cut off the heads of the rejectionist polytheists, wherever they are," it said, using derogatory terms for Shiite Muslims.

Iraqi forces backed by airstrikes from a U.S.-led coalition have driven Islamic State back in the western Anbar Province recently and are preparing for an offensive to retake the northern city of Mosul.

But the militants are still able to strike outside territory they control, often targeting members of Iraq's Shiite majority, most recently on Thursday when two Islamic State suicide bombers killed 15 people at a mosque in the capital.

Iraqis inspect the damage at the site of a bombing near a market in the Sadr City area of northern Baghdad on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi said the attacks were in response to Islamic State's recent defeats: "This gang targeted civilians after it lost the initiative and its dregs fled the battlefield before our proud fighters," he said on his official Facebook page.

At dawn on Sunday, suicide bombers and gunmen attacked Iraqi security forces in Abu Ghraib, seizing positions in a grain silo and a cemetery, and killing at least 17 members of the security forces, officials said. REUTERS

Syria rebels say attacks by army and Russian planes threaten truce

The Syrian opposition warned on Sunday that attacks by the army, backed by Russian warplanes, threatened a U.S.-Russian deal for a cessation of hostilities with collapse and endangered future peace talks.

The agreement, which is in its second day and has drastically curbed violence but not stopped it entirely, is the first of its kind to be attempted in four years.

In a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, the opposition said violations would undermine international efforts to guarantee the continuation of the truce and lead to the collapse of the U.N.-adopted political process.

The Riyadh-based opposition body said Russian war planes on Sunday staged 26 bombing raids on areas where rebel groups abiding by the truce were operating and accused Moscow of deploying cluster bombs on residential areas it alleged caused many civilian casualties.

A Syrian military source on Saturday denied the army was violating the truce agreement. Russia's defense ministry declined to comment.

Under the accord accepted by President Bashar al-Assad's government and many of his foes, fighting should cease so that aid can reach civilians and talks can open to end a war that has killed more than 250,000 people and made 11 million homeless.

The head of the Russian coordination center in Syria, Sergei Kuralenko, said the plan was holding "in general" but said there had been nine violations of the truce in the past 24 hours. REUTERS

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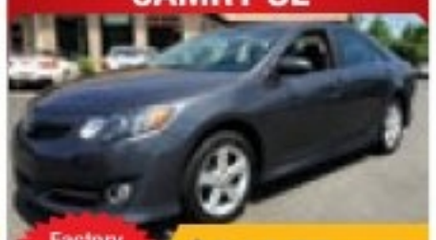

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Tech CEO calls Trump 'unfit' to be president

Meg Whitman, the head of technology firm Hewlett Packard Enterprise Co., said on Sunday that Donald Trump was "unfit" for the U.S. presidency, and criticized New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie, whose failed presidential bid she supported, for endorsing Trump.

Trump's insurgent campaign has riven the Republican Party, with party leaders openly discussing how to thwart the will of the tens of thousands of members who have voted for Trump so far, helping him comfortably win in three of the four states that have so far held nominating contests.

Christie, who scrapped his own presidential bid earlier this month, became the most prominent Republican figure to break ranks with party leadership by endorsing Trump on Friday ahead of this week's "Super Tuesday" contests, when voters in 11 states go to the polls.

Hewlett Packard CEO Meg Whitman
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Whitman, who was a co-chairwoman of the national finance committee of Christie's campaign, said in a statement to reporters that Trump would take the country on "a dangerous journey" and that Christie was aware of this.

"Chris Christie's endorsement of Donald Trump is an astonishing display of political opportunism. Donald Trump is unfit to be president", said the statement from Whitman, who is chief executive and president of Hewlett Packard Enterprise and chairman of HP Inc.

She called on Christie's donors not to follow him to Trump, who has predominantly funded his campaign with personal loans. Representatives of Christie and Trump did not respond to requests for comment.

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Scarlett Johansson posts a 'normal' photo of herself

Scarlett Johansson has a message for young women about the Hollywood image machine and aspiring to look like movie stars, and she made it by posting an untouched, makeup-free photo that's supposed to be unflattering — I guess? — but still looks pretty amazing because she's Scarlett Johansson. Still, it's the thought that counts. "I have seen young girls follow celebrities and try to be one of them. They try to attain perfection, have the perfect body, perfect skin tone. They aren't fully aware of the fact that behind the looks there are a lot of designers, makeup artists, and Photoshop/video editing. Their whole sense of beauty is flawed," Johansson writes. "You should be carefree. Love the real you. The way you are so that even if you are without makeup, you

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can look into the mirror and with a big smile embrace your imperfections. Just imagine if you don't even love yourself how do you expect anyone to love you. So first and foremost learn to love yourself by being who you are and not what the world wants you to be."

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Kesha takes a much-needed vacation

In the wake of a pretty tumultuous week of courtroom defeats, surprise Taylor Swift funds and celebrity support, Kesha did what any sane, embattled pop star would do: She jetted off to the Bahamas with her boyfriend. Just one day after posting a song thanking her supporters online, Kesha and Brad Ashenfelter were spotted sporting pretty big smiles as they made their way through LAX to board a flight to the tropics. And paparazzi photos have shown the pair having a well-deserved relaxing time in Turks and Caicos this weekend.

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Elton John and Lady Gaga on the Sunset Strip

As if traffic wasn't already bad enough in Hollywood on Oscar weekend, Elton John and Lady Gaga went and shut down a section of Sunset Boulevard to hold a free surprise hour-long concert Saturday afternoon outside of the old Tower Records location. Nobody seemed to be bothered by it, though, because hey — free Elton John concert! I'm assuming you couldn't make it there in time to catch them, but you can watch some highlights online, like this duet of "Don't Let the Sun Go Down on Me."

Donald Trump doesn't have Charlie Sheen's vote

Sure, Aaron Carter made the bold choice this weekend of adding himself to the list of "celebrities" who have endorsed Donald Trump's presidential bid, but we may have found the one celebrity whose lack of an endorsement could actually hurt the Donald's campaign: Charlie Sheen is speaking out about the "Apprentice" boss, and if there's anyone Trump supporters look up to, it's Charlie Sheen. The "Anger Management" star tweeted an Abraham Lincoln quote directed at Trump — "a farce or comedy is best played, a tragedy is best read at home" — before imploring, "America please WAKE UP!" along with the hashtag "anyone but Trump." Sheen previously called Trump "a shame pile of idiocy" whose words are "as poignant as a sack of cat farts" in a Tweet from July of last year that he deleted soon after.

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How about a '7th Heaven' cast reunion?

"X-Files," "Full House," "Gilmore Girls" — TV show reunions and relaunches are getting pretty common, so naturally "7th Heaven" fans would want in on the nostalgia action. Well, there are currently no plans for bringing the show back — especially with disgraced star Stephen Collins' sexual abuse scandal still so fresh in everyone's minds — so this will have to do: Several cast members showed up to support former co-star Jessica Biel as she opened a new restaurant, Au Fudge, in L.A. this weekend. Beverly Mitchell, Barry Watson, Mackenzie Rosman and Catherine Hicks stopped by to wish her well, as seen in an Instagram post by Mitchell. "Love these people like family," she wrote.

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Chris Rock brings the pain on the Oscars

The comedian tried to mix playing not-so-nice with giving Hollywood the drubbing it deserved.

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This has been one hot mess of an Oscar season — but it was the kind of hot mess that might lead to a less crappy Oscars.

There was #OscarsSoWhite, which revealed a voting body truly oblivious of its own, largely white, largely male privilege. There was the sole trans nominee (for the song "Manta Ray," from the doc "Racing Extinction") not even getting invited to the ceremony. There were snubs, including Michael B. Jordan, Tessa Thompson and Ryan Coogler for "Creed" and, most annoyingly perhaps, young adorbs Jacob Tremblay for "Room."

But surely the biggest and best screwup was this: Before any discussion of race had gone down, no less than Chris Rock had already been announced as host.

It was the comedian's job to burn the Oscars down so they can finally begin anew. When he took the stage Sunday night, he didn't do quite that, but he didn't mince words.

He started by calling it the "White People's Choice Awards." About the token opening montage of scenes from the year's movies (such as, uh, "Get Hard," "Ted 2" and big time snub "Beasts of No Nation"), he quipped, "I counted at least 15 black people in that montage."

He kept at least one glove on. About the idea of turning down hosting duties, Rock played it as a quickie laugh: "The last thing I need to do is lose another job to Kevin Hart." The person he was cruelest to, for whatever reason, was Jada Pinkett Smith: "Her boycotting the Oscars is like me boycotting Rihanna's panties: I wasn't invited."

Chris Rock held sway as host of the 88th Academy Awards on Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Rock tiptoed around some of the harsher truths, saying Hollywood wasn't full-on racist, but "racist in the way you've grown accustomed to. Hollywood is 'sorority racist': 'We like you, Rhonda, but you're not a Kappa.'"

His biggest ire, and perhaps justly, was for Hollywood liberals, who, he said, were nice to black people without casting them. "We want opportunity. We want the black actors to get the same opportunities as white actors."

But he mostly tried to mix shaming with big, easy jokes. That meant splicing black actors into lily-white movies, from Tracy Morgan taking over Eddie Redmayne in "The Danish Girl" to Leslie Jones replacing the besieging bear in "The Revenant" to Rock himself in "The Martian." (That was a bit unfair: "The Martian" was one film that made room for two black actors, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Donald Glover, plus multiple women.)

Meanwhile, awkward silence met the joke appearance of Stacey Dash, the "Clueless" actress who was critical of not just #OscarsSoWhite but Black History Month as well — a gag that seemed to be on Dash, if anyone at all.

Sadly, Rock couldn't stop Sam Smith from warbling uncomfortably through the worst Bond song ever — yes, even worse than the Madonna one. Hell, he couldn't even stop the Academy from feting the terrific Alicia Vikander from "The Danish Girl" for the even terrific-er Rooney Mara in "Carol."

On the other hand, some things went just right. At one point the truly great "Mad Max: Fury Road" won three technical awards, all one right after the other. Witness it!

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Michelle Yeoh can still kick butt

At least the actress didn't get hurt making the second "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon."

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Michelle Yeoh returns for "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: Sword of Destiny," which hits Netflix Instant and select theaters Friday. NETFLIX

Michelle Yeoh wouldn't say she was reluctant to do "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon: Sword of Destiny." The film, hitting Netflix and select theaters Friday, is the belated sequel to the 2000 hit, which smashed box office records and was a serious Oscar contender — here in a country where Asian martial arts cinema was before then (and mostly since, too) largely consumed by rabid cult audiences. But she wanted to get it right, even if it's a followup missing people like director Ang Lee and actors Chow Yun-Fat and Zhang Ziyi. Still, the legendary actress, now 53, insists being different is a good thing.

The first "Crouching Tiger" was a very different martial arts movie: slower, with lots of character development. How did you feel about that at the time, given your long history with more traditional martial arts films?

I had just come off "Tomorrow Never Dies," the Bond movie. I met with Ang Lee, who said, "I want to do 'Sense and Sensibility' with martial arts." He described it like a watercolor painting coming to life. It was a memorable journey, but it was also one of the most painful moviemaking experiences I had. During the last hour of the first action sequence [the one where she runs on the rooftops], I tore my ACL. I needed surgery. You couldn't tell the difference, could you? If you watch the movie you see me walking slowly. That's because I had a big brace under those baggy trousers. It took me three months to recover, to be ready for the last fight sequence.

How often have you gotten hurt on set?

It happens. I've hurt my neck, my back, my ribs. There have been more than a few scratches and bruises along the way.

How do you feel doing action nowadays? Donnie Yen, your co-star here, has talked about retiring, or at least scaling back, on martial arts because he's in his 50s.

When I've had injuries I've actually improved and strengthened those parts of the body. You have to work on it. But I also have a great love and passion for any kind of movement. I'm in training every day, even when I'm not doing an action film. I have to do something physical, whether I'm hiking or at the gym. I don't know how long I'm going to be able to do this — or how long I want to do this — but right now I'm able to do it, so let's kick some ass.

Unlike the first film, this is in English. You've talked about hating speaking Mandarin in the first film, which you had to do phonetically, whereas you speak English fluently.

[Laughs] I was greatly relieved when it was going to be done in English. At the end of the day, I think it's important that it transcends the language. In the past it mattered to me, that it had to be in the original language. I had so many rules. But now I'm more relaxed about it.

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Sisters' third act

Folk duo Lily & Madeleine try something new on their third studio album.

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Folk sister act Lily & Madeleine drew comparisons to fellow ethereal flower crowning duet First Aid Kit with their debut EP "The Weight of the Globe" and the 2014 followup, "Fumes, from Sufjan Stevens' Asthmatic Kitty Records. The (then) teenagers, Lily and Madeleine Jurkiewicz, toured the world, released a couple of videos and were able to make waves, making fans out of cool girl pubs like Rookie Magazine and ELLE.

Now the Indianapolis natives are back with a third album ("Keep It Together" from New West Records) and tour. They called us from home before hitting the road.

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Are there any noticeable differences in "Keep It Together" from "Fumes"?

Madeleine Jurkiewicz: The writing process was different for us this time around. Instead of collaborating on everything, we separated and wrote in different places. That means listeners can tell our individual styles. Like, this is more of a Madeleine track or this is more of a Lily song.

How can you tell the difference?

Lily Jurkiewicz: Well, a Madeline track is a little more of a narrative and more dramatic lyrically, and Lily is a single stream of thought and a little more direct.

You recorded "Keep It Together" with an all-female band. Did that enhance the vibe at all?

LJ: I don't know if it was the fact that they were females, or that they were just our really good friends. With our producer there was just the four of us. Last album where we'd have 10 people in a room. It was too many voices.

Do you think it's become easier for artists now?

MJ: I think being a young artist at a time where the Internet is controlling everything is good in a way, because you're able to share so much. But it's easy to get swept up when everything is hyped up and crowded. I feel like you need to sift through and know who you are in order to not be overwhelmed or taken advantage of.

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Red hot theater

Kathleen Turner schools the crowd at the Philadelphia Theatre Company.

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When it comes to the screen and stage, legendary actress Kathleen Turner has been the bad girl (1981's "Body Heat"), the bad parent (1994's "Serial Mom"), the bad wife (the Broadway version of the 1967 film, "The Graduate") and the bad toon (she was the voice of Jessica Rabbit in 1988's hit "Who Framed Roger Rabbit"). What she really loves to do, however, is teach.

So, along with filming Hulu series "The Path," tonight, Turner will lead a discussion at the Philadelphia Theatre Company's premiere of "Red Hot Patriot: The Kick-Ass Wit of Molly Ivins," in which she starred in 2010.

The Golden Globe winner gives us a preview.

Do you want to tackle new works like Red Hot Patriot over modern classics?

I very much want to be at that forefront. I'm in the middle of my own transition. I was going

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to take a supporting role in an off-Broadway show this season ["Would You Still Love Me If…"] when it turned out the director wasn't quite up to the task. Someone behind the scenes said they would have to cancel the production if I didn't take up the reins and direct — so I did. I prefer to direct when I'm not in a show, but I loved the process, and I'm ready to do more.

Do you think subscription television networks like Netflix, HBO or Hulu is where it's at for actors?

I don't want to generalize. I did just do this outrageous character in a show called "The Path." I had a ball. I play Hugh Dancy's mother and he plays the successor to this new religion echoing Scientology. He depends on his mother, who is, well, I walked onto the set and my "room" was filled with liquor bottles and overflowing ashtrays and all I could think was "subtle." I much prefer the stage, but there is fun that you can have with a camera that you can't do in the theatre. Plus, there's some great lighting going on in television presently.

Madeleine Albright was stumping for Hillary Clinton and said there is a special place in hell for women who don't support women. What say you?

Yeah, her and Gloria Steinem. I tell you what it is: We feel hurt. Women over 40 are hurt that younger women neither respect nor appreciate what they have done to get women where they are now. Our work is taken for granted, while all the risks are still there.

Let's talk Philly. You built a real relationship with PTC with the Molly Ivins play.

We got real support and space to explore and build that show there. It is a lovely house. And Philadelphia as a theater town? There is a lot of stuff going on, like the historic Walnut Street Theatre. I like the city a lot. I'm not giving up on Manhattan, but I enjoy your city — you're hot.

What would you like students to embrace during your master class?

I don't like to preach or lay down my theories like law, as if they are the rules of the universe. What I like to do is open it up to questions. People say or think a thing and that leads me to ideas and stories and plots and ways in which to operate an actor. Then I can make people laugh. Then I can teach. I want to tell people to be brave — ask away — and if I don't want to answer you, I won't.

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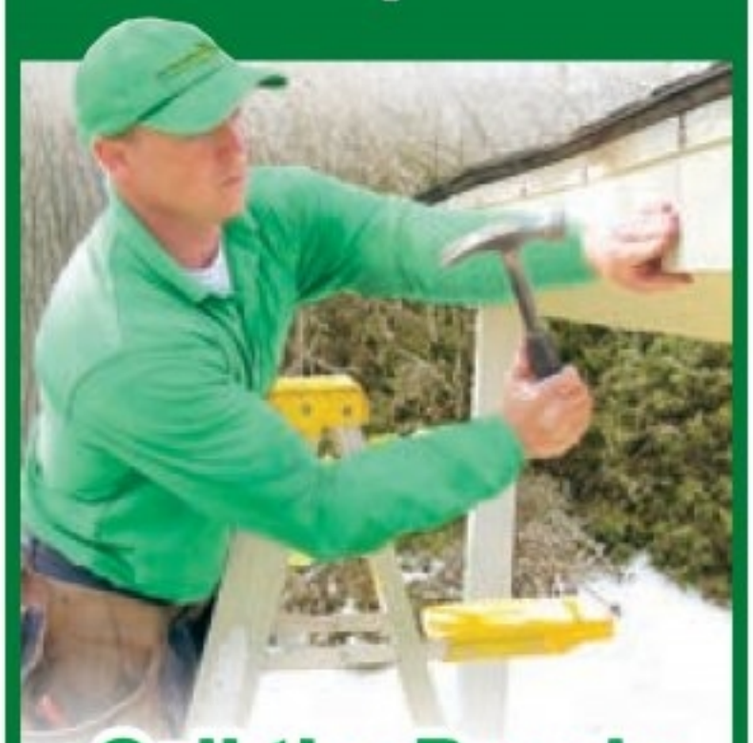

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Compared to the old SAT, is the new SAT 1) easier; 2) harder; 3) equally mind-numbing; or 4) all of the above? If you guessed 4, you're correct.

The new SAT, which debuts March 5, is very different — but not necessarily less painful — than the old one.

Back in 2014, the College Board announced it was revamping the SAT to better reflect both the skills students learn in high school and those they need to succeed in college.

For the most part, the new test meets these goals, says David Kim, who founded test prep company C2 Education out of his Harvard dorm room in 1997.

"The old test really contributed to a lot of anxiety in the way questions were asked, and the way answers were posed. It's not a psychologically friendly test," says Kim, who notes that the new test has more of "a lock-step correlation" between practice and results.

"The nature of the passages are more aligned with what one is expected to be exposed to in high school," Kim says.

OK, great, but is the test still horribly tedious? Probably, but that, of course, is not the intention.

"The College Board, and colleges and universities, said we want applicants who have a good command of data and critical thinking," says Lee Weiss, vice president of Kaplan Test Prep's college admissions program. The new test is designed to gauge these skills.

As for whether it's harder, Weiss says "it's going to differ for who's taking it. If you were strong in vocab, you might have preferred [the old test]."

So sharpen those pencils and get a good night's sleep, but keep things in perspective, advises Kim.

"The SAT is only one part of the college admissions process. There are multiple things that an admissions officer will be looking at. It is not the end all be all." Just don't forget to fill in the bubbles for your name.

We rounded up some unconventional advice from the guest editors of "Up Your Score: The Underground Guide to Outsmarting "The Test."

Joshua Mandell, Yale University:
"The day before my SAT, I ran up and down a big hill next to my house for an hour straight. While the neighbors might have worried for my sanity, it was actually a good way to replace my nervous adrenaline with calming endorphins."

Zachary Mandell, Cornell University:
"Next time you read an article a friend posts on Facebook, read it like you would an SAT passage. ... Think about why your friend might have chosen to post the article. Think about why the author makes the argument that she does, how she does so and whether or not her techniques are successful.

Ada Throckmorton, Stanford University:
When I first opened my score and saw the 2400, I remember being annoyed and telling my mom that I knew the test was out of 2400, but couldn't find my actual score. It took another couple of minutes staring at the computer screen to realize I had actually received a perfect score, and a lot longer to believe it.

There are major changes to the test's structure and content

How exactly is the new SAT different from the old SAT?

- **No penalty for wrong answers:** In the old test, students were docked .25 points for each wrong answer. Now students can guess without getting points deducted.
- **Scoring structure:** The new score is out of 1600, not 2400
- **No more random vocabulary:** The old SAT was notorious for asking questions about the definitions of obscure words; the new SAT asks students to define a word based its context.
- **Revamped essay:** Instead of a personal essay, students will be asked to read a passage and then explain how the author is persuading the audience. Also, the essay is optional (but recommended by test prep experts).
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The fine art of networking requires a little finesse and a lot of chutzpah — but not everyone has both. Whether you're socially awkward or downright misanthropic, making connections behooves your career.

"Our society is interdependent. Not one of us is going to be successful alone. We need each other for information, support, ideas — we need to have a safety net, and that's based upon the network of people you have," says Susan RoAne, better known as "The Mingling Maven," a keynote speaker and the author of "How to Work a Room."

Follow these tips for approaching networking with confidence and ease.

Be a giver

Networking feels awkward when "there's an undertone of an agenda," says Ashley Stahl, a career coach who helps young adults find their dream jobs. "A lot of people feel this tug and pull between getting something out of [networking] for their career and trying to be authentic. Who wants to be a taker?" Don't focus on what others can do for you, Stahl suggests. Entering a room with a "service consciousness" and with the intent to helping others. This shift makes one less self- conscious, and more appealing.

Adjust your effort — and your attitude

Stepping outside your comfort zone isn't going to be a cakewalk, but it need not be torture.

"If you come in thinking 'I hate networking,' what you project is a sour attitude, so who's going to really want to talk to you?" says RoAne.

Making an effort can transform your networking experience, says Stahl. "If you're feeling a bit overwhelmed, a great way start is to give yourself a quota of how many people you're going to build a relationship with."

Practice your serve, then follow through

To up your game, says RoAne, "prepare your own introduction of seven to nine seconds linked to the specific event you're going to. Give not your title, but the benefit of what you do." Her benefit? Turning others into mingling mavens.

After meeting someone, send a nice-to-meet-you email, says Stahl. "There's something special about reaffirming that you met, and letting them know you remember something personal about them."

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Football more dangerous than MMA fighting?

MMA training may actually help your brain, according to new tests.

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Former Oakland Raiders quarterback Ken "The Snake" Stabler died last July, and a report — released just prior to the Super Bowl — revealed that he had the concussion disease known as CTE.

The story did not have much shelf life in the daily news cycle.

The reason the story did not get much play is for obvious reasons — these stories are a dime a dozen these days.

While we know that pro football players who played in the 1960s, '70s, '80s and '90s played a game that was amazingly dangerous to long-term brain health, we don't yet know what the long-term effects are for MMA fighters. Dana White's UFC is much safer than the original UFC was in the early 1990s, but we're not at a point in time just yet that shows just how safe (or dangerous) the relatively new sport is.

A brain-scanning device by a company called Neuronetrix recently tested an MMA novice, 22 UFC fighters and an NFL running back at Jackson-Wink (a noted MMA training academy in Albuquerque, New Mexico) during two weeks of intense MMA training.

The results were stunning, Neuronetrix CEO K.C. Fadem said.

"We expected to see a reduction in brain activity from the fighters," Fadem told Metro. "But what we found were that all of these fighters actually had a superhuman level of brain function [during a two-week training]. Basically, what we found was that your brain has to work really fast to keep someone from punching you in the face."

Keith Jardine, right, was one of the fighters tested. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Fadem and Neurotrix typically collect data relating to Alzheimer's disease and Fadem is encouraged that the findings in the MMA training could eventually lead to new exercises to help treat many brain diseases.

"I'm thinking that a way to treat Alzheimer's patients might be to do some of this high-intensity reaction training," Fadem said.

As for the dangers of playing football versus the dangers of caged fighting, Fadem hints at the idea that MMA is actually a safer sport. For instance, when an MMA fighter gets a concussion, he or she has weeks and often months to recover. Football players, meanwhile, are scrambling to get back on the field the very next week.

"The current standard of care from evaluating and treating a concussion is really 'make sure they don't get worse,'" Fadem said. "It's very primitive. When someone sustains a concussion, the latest theory is that the brain takes a very long time to recover from it. A lot of athletes in a lot of different sports right now might not be giving their brains the necessary time to recover.

"UFC fighters go fight to fight and they're very concerned about their own personal health," Fadem continued. "These fighters actually want the tests. I'm not sure the owners in team sports, who have players under contract, want these tests. It's not in the best interest of teams to do these tests. In the UFC it's different. If I want to delay a fight another two months I can do that."

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Much like last season, there are a plethora of questions in the Phillies camp. The difference this spring is that the topics are different. At this time last year the big question was who would be traded and when and what would the Phillies receive. Everything is different in Clearwater. There is finally some hope but there are many questions.

1 Will Maikel Franco became an All-Star?
The Phillies could sure use a sensation and Franco certainly looked like one until his wrist was broken in August. If Franco played the entire 2015 season, his projected numbers would have been comparable to Cubs Rookie of the Year Kris Bryant. Will Franco be consistent and take a step forward?

2 Is Aaron Altherr an everyday outfielder?
Altherr played well enough during the last seven weeks of the season to merit a serious look. The lean, lanky and rangy outfielder had 20 extra-base hits in just 137 at-bats. He has the same body type and athleticism as Jayson Werth and John Mayberry. Will Altherr's career be similar to the former or the latter?

3 Is Aaron Nola an ace?
Nola had an impressive half-season. It's beyond the numbers. The LSU product pitched as advertised. Nola has a good fastball, a plus curveball and very good command. Nola is also fearless. What he needs is another pitch. He's been working during the offseason on a changeup. Regardless of where he is placed in the rotation, the 22-year old appears as if he will be a solid fixture in the starting five for years.

4 What will become of Ryan Howard?
Pete Mackanin didn't mince words when he was asked in January what he would do if Howard doesn't hit lefthanders this spring. Howard will sit if he has trouble against southpaws in the Grapefruit League. The Big Piece is obviously a shadow of what he once was due to age and injury. Will Howard surprise everyone and hit lefties in March? If not, will he graciously handle a platoon role?

5 Who is the closer?
The smart money is on David Hernandez, who has the stuff and experience. But how much does it matter for a team that will be a bottom feeder?

6 Is Odubel Herrera a .300 hitter?
Mackanin thinks so, and he may be right. Herrera had one of the best-ever Rule 5 seasons, hitting .297 after skipping Triple-A. What was most impressive was that the league adjusted to Herrera after the first time through but Herrera adjusted back, which is something Howard failed to do during his career.

7 Can Freddy Galvis continue to hit?
One of the pleasant surprises of 2015 was Galvis' ability to hit. The slick-fielding Venezuelan shocked most of the baseball world by hitting .263. If Galvis hits decently, his next stop could be second base once the J.P. Crawford era commences.

8 Is Cesar Hernandez an everyday player?
Hernandez played well for a seven-week stretch but struggled during the latter part of the season. He then dislocated his thumb in September. It's Hernandez job to lose.

9 What will Jeremy Hellickson and Charlie Morton give the Phillies?
You have to believe that those two will be more productive than Aaron Harang and Jerome Williams, among other stiffs (Chad Billingsley, Sean O'Sullivan), who ate innings for the Phillies last season. Hellickson and Morton are younger than those retreads who took the hill for the Phillies last season, and each has had some success in the MLB.

10 Does Chooch have anything left?
Cameron Rupp stepped it up after the All-Star break. The Texas tough guy found his power stroke and played solid defense. The upside for Carlos Ruiz, who has an extraordinary amount of miles on the odometer, is that he will be one of those rarities, a very good player, who will retire after playing for more than a decade with one team. The negative is that there doesn't appear to be a lot left in the tank. Thanks for the memories, Chooch.

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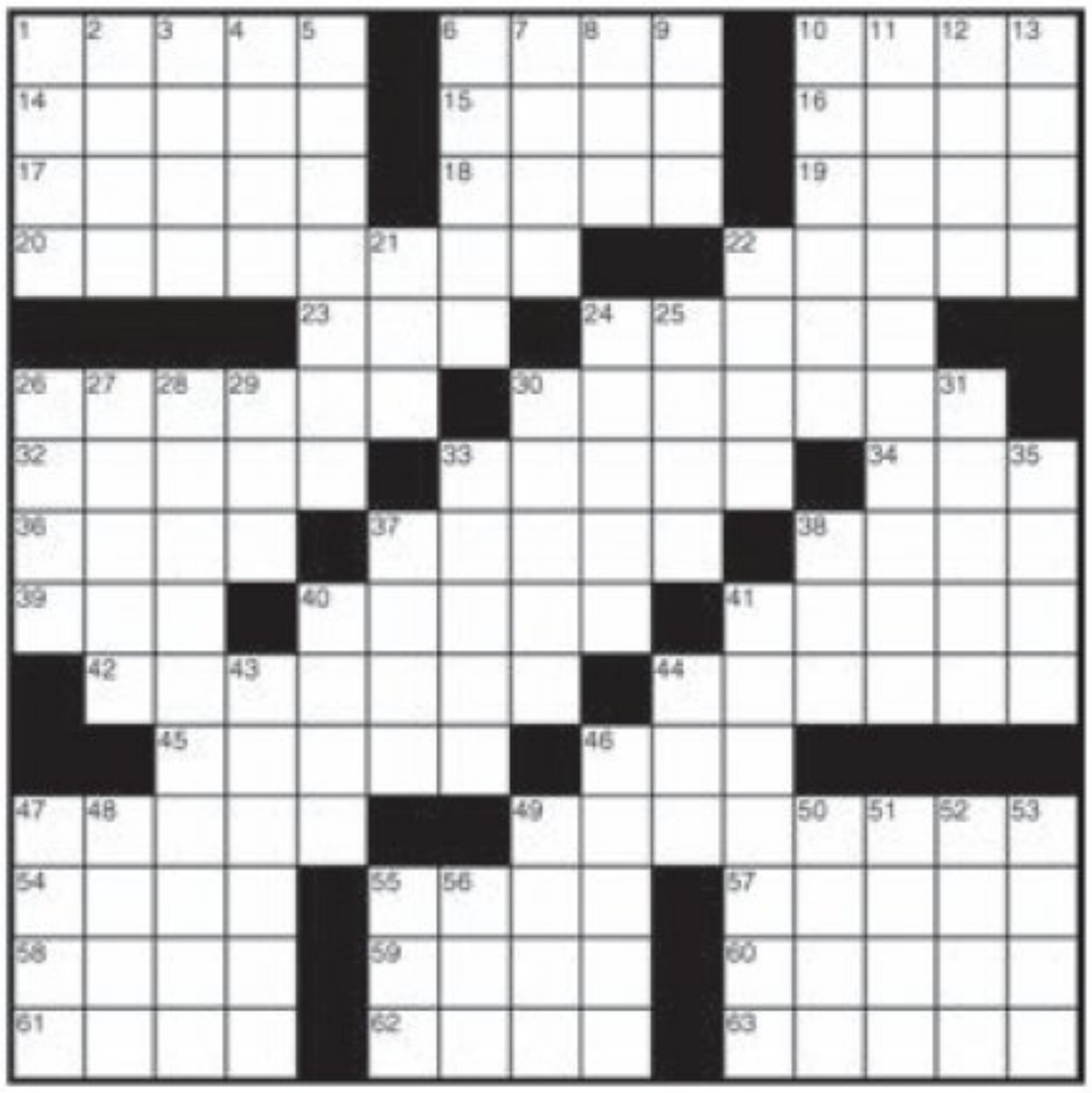

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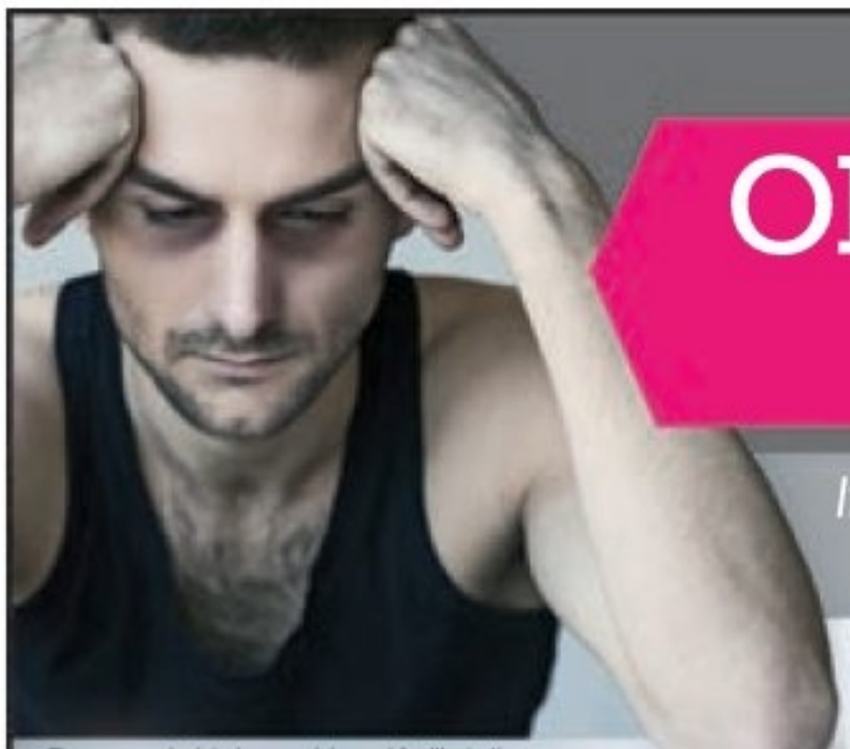

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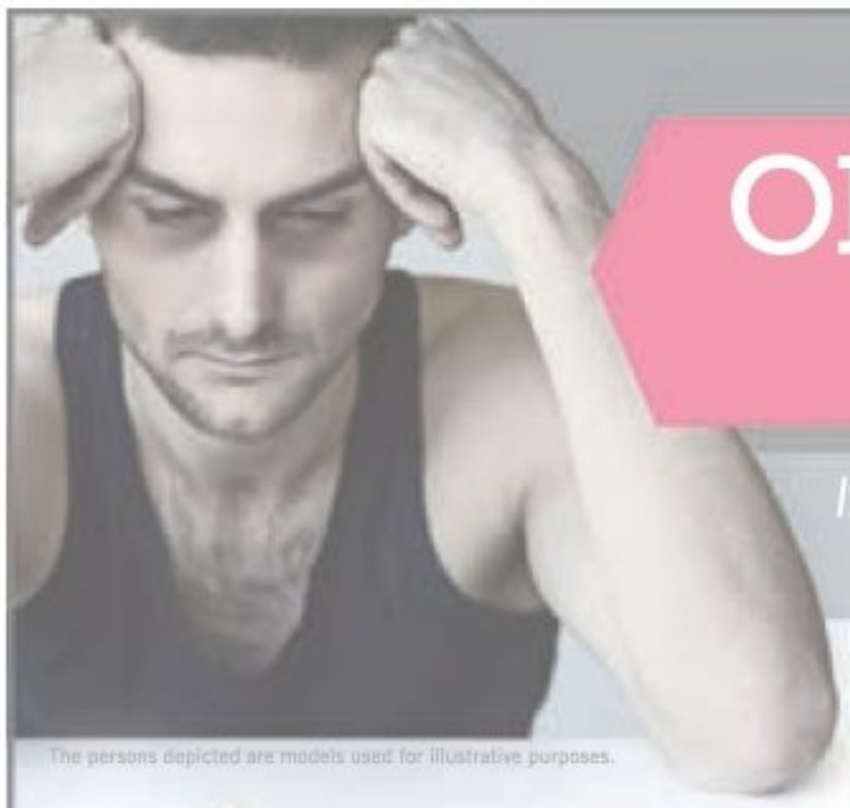

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